

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 401
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A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 25W (State Routes 9 and 63) in LaFollette, Campbell County in honor of Congressman J. Will Taylor.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges in honor of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than former Congressman J. Will Taylor of Campbell County; and

WHEREAS, Congressman J. Will Taylor served with distinction as Mayor of the City of LaFollette on two separate occasions and as Representative to the United States Congress from the 2nd District of Tennessee for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, J. Will Taylor was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, who worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of LaFollette as their Mayor and for the people of Tennessee and the nation as a 22-year Representative to the United State Congress from the 2nd District; and

WHEREAS, an attorney who began his practice during the 1920's, Congressman Taylor also served his fellow citizens faithfully in numerous other capacities; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of his meritorious service to his community, State and nation, the Mayor and City Council of LaFollette have memorialized this body to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 25W, State Routes 9 and 63 to permanently commemorate Congressman J. Will Taylor's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the bridge on U.S. Highway 25W, (State Routes 9 and 63) near such routes intersection with Cougar Lane, across the CSXT railroad track in front of Campbell County High School in LaFollette, Campbell County, is hereby designated as the "The Congressman J. Will Taylor Memorial Bridge" in recognition of an outstanding public servant who exemplifies the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge on U.S. Highway 25W, State Routes 9 and 63 as the "The Congressman J. Will Taylor Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the Department of Transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the Department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.